



A safe home is in your hands.

Hands on Home Safety Shopping List

Being hands on with home safety may include enhancing your home's environment with new technology or products. Knowing which safety products to buy can be confusing, so that's why the Home Safety Council has created the *Hands on Home Safety* Shopping List to point out important safety products every home should have. Remember that installing home safety products and applying safe practices is the best combination to help prevent injuries in the home. If you can't buy everything at one time, start out with a few product solutions from each risk area. Most of these items can be found at your local home improvement retailer but you may have to expand your shopping to online sources or catalogues. Regardless of where or how you purchase these items, half the battle is knowing you need them.

Falls prevention solutions:

Light bulbs
Night lights (for hallways and dark areas where extra light is needed)
Flashlight(s)
Non-stick tape or other adhesive backing (to secure area rugs to floor)
Rubber bath mat
Grab bars (for bath tubs, showers and near toilet areas)
Banister/hand rail for stairs that extend the full length of the stairs (should have one hand rail on each side)
Step stool with a sturdy hand rail
Baby gates for top and bottom of stairways*
Window guards with emergency release mechanisms to prevent falls from upper windows* (These may also be found online.)

Poisoning prevention solutions:

Cabinet locks*
UL-listed carbon monoxide (CO) alarm
Poison Control Center number (1-800-222-1222) posted next to each phone in the house

Fires/Burns safety solutions:

Smoke alarm (for each level of the house)
Batteries
Fire escape ladder
Fire extinguisher
Anti-scald device for water faucets (This item may be purchased at local retailers but you may have to ask for help in finding it or special order it.)
First-aid kit
Outlet covers*



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Water safety prevention solutions:

Toilet seat lock*

Door knob safety covers*

Four-sided fencing with self-closing and self-locking gates (for homes with pools)

Suffocation/choking prevention solutions:

Window cord repair kit*

Small Parts Tester* (or “choke tube” – an empty toilet paper roll is a good substitute)

* Denotes products suggested for homes with children

Note: Follow all manufacturers’ installation instructions. Ask your home improvement store manager if you have any questions about how to install these life-saving products.